

BUENA VISTA SPRING HOTEL



GEO. A. MILLS, JR.
MANAGER.

LOCATED
in the Heart
of the
BLUE RIDGE

How to Reach Buena Vista Spring Hotel

... FROM ...

NEW YORK, PHILADELPHIA, WASHINGTON, RICHMOND AND POINTS SOUTH.

Take the Pennsylvania Railroad and its connections to meet the Western Maryland Railroad at Union Station, Baltimore, Md., at about

4.35 A. M.

8.10 A. M.

3.20 P. M.

"Blue Mountain Express" that runs to the Buena Vista Spring Hotel Station in two hours and fifteen minutes.

4.00 P. M.

Buena Vista Spring Hotel can also be reached by the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad and its connections via Baltimore, but



BUENA VISTA STATION.

time must be allowed for transfer in Baltimore, as the Baltimore and Ohio trains do not run into Union Station.

Baltimore and Ohio passengers from the West can reach the Hotel via Cherry Run on the Western Maryland Railroad, which is but 36 miles from the Hotel. Passengers on the Pennsylvania Railroad from Pittsburgh and points west may connect at Harrisburg with the Cumberland Valley Railroad to Hagerstown, and there take W. M. R. R. for Hotel.

ALL TRAINS OF THE WESTERN MARYLAND RAILROAD STOP AT UNION STATION.

Special Summer Excursion Tickets are sold from all points on Pennsylvania R. R. and baggage is checked through to Hotel.

MR. GEO. A. MILLS, JR., OF WASHINGTON, D. C., IN ASSUMING THE MANAGEMENT OF THE BUENA VISTA SPRING HOTEL FOR ANOTHER SEASON, BEGS TO ANNOUNCE TO HIS FRIENDS, THE PUBLIC, AND THE FORMER PATRONS OF THIS DELIGHTFUL RESORT, THAT THE SAME LIBERAL PROVISION AND COURTEOUS ATTENTION THAT CHARACTERIZED HIS MANAGEMENT LAST YEAR, WILL BE MAINTAINED AND AS FAR AS POSSIBLE IMPROVED UPON.

Buena Vista Spring Hotel.

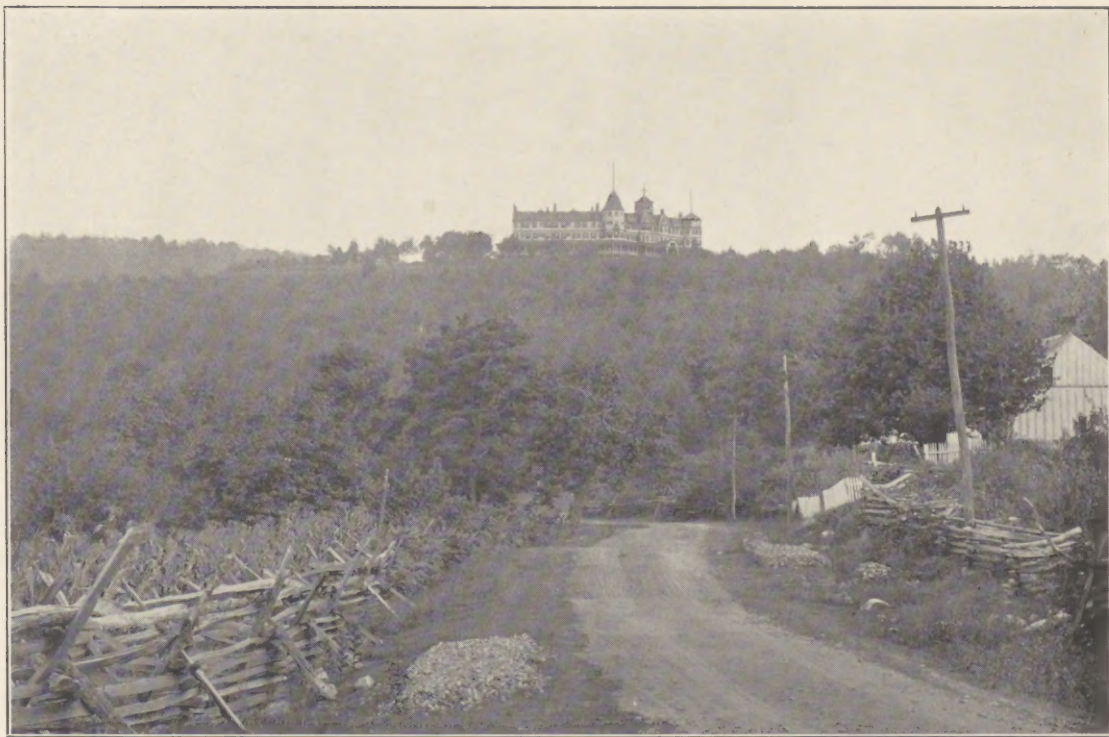


What the Catskills and the Adirondacks are to New York, Buena Vista Spring, one of the most attractive and most eligibly situated spots of the delightful Blue Ridge region, is to Baltimore, Washington and Philadelphia—a resort for the betterment of health, and for pleasure and recreation, during the enervating heat of summer.

How to Reach It.

It is easy of access: taking as the starting point Baltimore, to which railroads from the North, South, East and West converge, the route lies over the Western Maryland Railroad, a line which traverses a section of prosperous agricultural country, charming in the picturesqueness of undulating lands and smiling farms and meadows. There is not a mile of this territory but has its special features to please the eye and leave a cheering impression.

Connection of trains with the Western Maryland Railroad is made from New York, Philadelphia and Washington via Pennsylvania Railroad at Union Station, Baltimore; the North and West from Harrisburg via Cumberland Valley Railroad to Hagerstown, and from South and West via N. & W. and B. & O. Railroads at the same point. A prompt connection of trains over the Western Maryland with these systems makes the time required to reach Buena Vista Spring from the various points named, about as follows:



VIEW OF HOTEL FROM VALLEY.

From New York,	6 hours.
“ Philadelphia,	4 “
“ Wilmington,	3 “
“ Baltimore,	2 “
“ Washington,	3 “
“ Richmond,	6½ “
“ Harrisburg,	3 “
“ Pittsburg,	7½ “
“ Cumberland,	3 “

Connecting trains leave Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, at about 12.00 M., and Baltimore & Potomac Station, Sixth and B Streets, Washington, at about 2.00 P. M., thence by “Blue Mountain Express” (with Pullman Parlor Cars) of Western Maryland Railroad from Union Station, Baltimore, at 3.20 P. M. Parlor Car Seats secured by telegraph or letter to General Passenger Agent, Western Maryland Railroad, Baltimore.

Seated in these luxuriously appointed parlor cars, the visitor is whirled past towns and villages, pastoral scenes and busy mills, until a faint tint of azure fringes the landscape—the first glimpse of the Blue Ridge.

The special “Blue Mountain Express” train makes the distance of seventy-one miles between Baltimore and Buena Vista Spring Station in about two hours. Engineering skill has made the ascent of the mountains easy of accomplishment, and without apparent effort, the visitor finds himself on the platform of the pretty station of Buena Vista Spring, at an elevation nearly two thousand feet above tide-water.

Buena Vista Avenue.

A twelve-minutes’ run over a well-laid railway, in a comfortable, commodious car, and you are at the hotel door at 5.30 P. M., or if you prefer to drive, easy conveyances are in waiting, and an even macadamized road parallels the tramway in its graceful windings. This is Buena Vista Avenue, which intersects and joins other roads, forming a system of excellent mountain drives many miles in extent. The attention of the visitor is engaged from the start by the picturesque scenery. In the deep gorge to the left, a turbulent mountain stream leaps from rock to rock in feathery cascades, or foaming torrent, until spending its force, it purls among the meadows of the distant valley. To the right, rise jagged masses of rock in formidable strength and beauty. Half a mile further, the Buena Vista Horse Shoe Bend is reached—a curve which, as it rounds the head of German-



OFFICE AND FOYER.

town Gorge, is a counterpart of the celebrated Horse Shoe Bend of the Alleghenies, except that in this instance the scenery is softer and more alluring. A few yards beyond this point is obtained the first glimpse of Buena Vista Spring Hotel, seated on a prominent peak from which, as its name implies, it has a noble view of hill and valley.

Buena Vista Spring Hotel.

The hotel is located on South Mountain, in Franklin County, Pennsylvania, about one mile north from the Maryland State line, and two and a half miles from Blue Ridge Summit.

The hotel is a handsome structure of the Renaissance style of architecture, with turreted angles rising four stories from a solid rock foundation and substructure of stone masonry. In formation, it presents four sides, the main building facing nearly due west, and the wings southwest, northwest and south respectively. This main building has a frontage of 132 feet, with a depth of 52 feet, and the three wings a frontage of 120 feet, and a depth of 44 feet, or a total frontage of 492 feet. A raised porch 15 feet wide runs the entire length of the building, thus affording ample room for promenade or rest in the open air.

On the first floor of the main building are the offices, the foyer, the parlors, reception rooms and solarium—this last apartment will be found a luxury, which will prove especially pleasing to invalids and others who find a sun bath beneficial.

The southwest wing is occupied by the spacious dining-room, and the northwest and south wings are used for sleeping apartments. The hotel has accommodations for over five hundred guests; *some of the rooms are in suites with private bath-rooms attached.* Open fireplaces are also provided in most of the apartments. A steam elevator runs to all the floors, and every convenience and comfort which experience can suggest have been furnished to constitute a first-class hotel in every detail.

Ample provision is made against accident of any kind, and a resident physician, Dr. Warren Buckler, of Baltimore, is at the hotel throughout the season.

The culinary department occupies a separate building, 64 feet square, and another detached structure is the concert hall and ball-room, 83 by 46 feet, where a first-class musical director, with an excellent orchestra, is the presiding genius.



RAILWAY AND DRIVEWAY TO STATION.

From the roof of the hotel, rises an observatory, which has been appropriately named "The Seasons." From this elevation, a superb range of vision is obtainable, and seen through tinted glass the surrounding foliage takes on the aspect of the vernal green, the summer gold, the russet and purple of autumn, or the fleecy robe of winter.

A Dry Atmosphere.

The altitude of Buena Vista Spring Hotel places it above the vapor line; consequently, there is little or no dew, but a pure, dry atmosphere prevails, which is pleasant and healing to persons of weak or affected lungs.

Absolutely Pure Water Supply.

Most fortunate is Buena Vista Spring Hotel in possessing an unequalled supply of water for drinking and culinary purposes. The water is obtained from the fountain head of the Micawasha Spring, the source of which is near the summit of Green Ridge Mountain—an untraversed spot—distant a little more than two miles from the hotel. The Company has tapped the spring near its source, at an elevation 75 feet higher than the hotel, and the water is conveyed through a five-inch iron main in more than sufficient quantity to supply the needs of the house. The pressure is great enough to throw a stream to the roof of the building. This water has been pronounced absolutely pure; so free is it from mineral or organic matter that the analytical chemists to whom samples were submitted for analysis, expressed astonishment and stated it was the purest sample of water they had ever been called upon to analyze. We elsewhere reproduce their analysis as evidence of this fact.

Perfectly Sanative.

The topographical position of Buena Vista Spring Hotel ensures perfect drainage, a declivity on every side of 1,000 feet forming a natural water-shed for rains, while the sanitary arrangements in the hotel are as thorough as science and good workmanship can make them. All the plumbing was completed under the supervision of the Inspector of Plumbing of Baltimore City.

Curative Properties of the Water.

The water, generally, of this region has long been in favorable repute, and is valued for its hygienic properties. It has been particularly effective in Kidney ailments and torpid condition of the Liver and Stomach,



SUN PARLOR.



DINING-ROOM.



VIEW FROM FRONT OF HOTEL.

and it is a fact attested to by local physicians that Diabetes is practically unknown here, while Malaria is completely eradicated from the system after a sufficient sojourn.

The principal local Spring lies in a northeasterly direction, about 150 yards from the hotel. The clear water gushes up into the basin formed to receive it in a volume of 50 gallons a minute; passing from the Spring it flows to the bath-houses, where it is artificially heated, and the guests have the advantage of a tepid bath or a cold plunge, as condition or taste may deem prudent or pleasant.

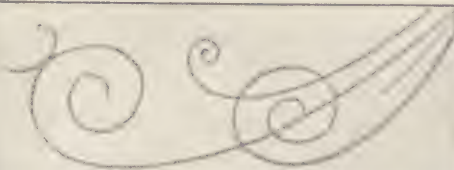
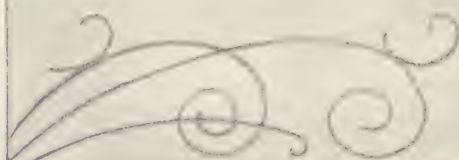
Superb Scenery.

It would be difficult to find a more attractive prospect than that seen from the porch of Buena Vista Spring Hotel. In the immediate vicinity well kept lawns, flower beds, walks and a sweep of carriage road, with shade trees here and there, refresh the eye, and, near at hand, two groves of pines offer an inviting retreat, fragrant with balsamic odors. Some distance off lies the Giant's Fallen Column, a shattered obelisk, which at one time may have stood majestically on its base. Beyond, an unobstructed view of thirty miles across the Cumberland Valley presents itself until abruptly terminated on the west by the Allegheny Mountains. Over this wide expanse are scattered cities, hamlets, farms and vine-embowered cottages, from the little town of Rouzerville, nestling at the foot of South Mountain, to Hagerstown, plainly discernible on a clear day, forming a diversified panorama, ever changing with the shifting effects of cloud and sunshine and the different moods of the weather.

Unobstructed Ventilation.

Buena Vista Spring Hotel is most advantageously situated. There are no mountains rising above or near it to shut off the ozone impregnated air. The mountain breezes have *free and unobstructed access*, and freighted with the odors of mountain blossoms and the pungent aroma of innumerable mountain pines, they refresh while they soothe, and woo back the bloom of health to wan and wasted cheeks.

Beyond Red Run Glen, to the north, are the Hanging Valley and Burn's Knob, and yet more remote, but not so distant as to render the effects of light and shadow uncertain, is Mt. Alto, whose rugged peaks shut out the line of horizon. To the east, Mt. Dunlap, with its inaccessible Raven Rock, looms threateningly, and to the



Ridgewood Cottage.

RENT \$550.00, FURNISHED.
9 ROOMS AND 1 BATH.
LARGE PORCHES.

Middlewood Cottage.

RENT \$750.00, FURNISHED.
12 ROOMS AND 2 BATH-ROOMS.
LARGE PORCHES.



VIEW FROM EAGLE ROCK.

DEVIL'S RACE COURSE.



FRONT VIEW.

Edgewood Cottage.

RENT \$650.00. FURNISHED.

10 ROOMS, 1 BATH, LARGE PORCHES.

SIDE VIEW.

south, Mt. Quirauk rises in sullen grandeur. Amid this noble range of scenery, many mountain drives wind tortuously, affording unlimited opportunity for interesting rural excursions over mountain and through valley.

A Historic Pike.

Among other famous highways is the historic Baltimore and Pittsburg Pike, which skirts the base of Buena Vista Spring. It was along this route that Lee's Army of Northern Virginia retreated after the battle of Gettysburg, and the graves of men who wore the Gray, as well as of some who wore the Blue, each marked by its grass grown mound under the shadow of South Mountain, near the first toll-gate to the east, are the silent sentinels of the spot where Longstreet's wagon train was captured after a sharp but ineffectual resistance.

Cottages.

In the grounds, convenient to the hotel, are three attractive cottages which will be rented furnished.

Devil's Race Course.

The Devil's Race Course—an interesting feature of this locality—is but a few hundred yards distant from this remembrance of those days of fratricidal war. It occupies the surface of a long, shallow depression, being more than a mile in length, by perhaps an eighth of a mile at its widest part near the southern end, and in appearance it somewhat resembles an exaggerated cobblestone pavement, with stones varying in size from that of a cart body to a peck measure, and all so compactly arranged as to be as solid as the rock bed upon which they rest. Strange to say, this glacial formation, although surrounded by a luxuriant growth of trees and lesser vegetation, has not so much as a twig that can obtain root amid its crevices, nor do even the fallen leaves find lodgment on its barren surface.

A Natural Park.

More inviting scenes are those which lie below the spring house before alluded to: here woodland paths, shadowed by stately chestnuts and maples, lead to spots of sylvan beauty unmatched in all this region in varied attractiveness. This, indeed, may well be named The Fairy Glen in preference to Red Run Gorge, the title it



VIEW OF GETTYSBURG GAP.

has borne from early times. The stream itself plunges and swirls and roars over its rocky bed or where some boulder checks the impetuous course, it grows slow and sullen in its eddying depths wherein the mountain trout—the speckled beauties of the angler's dream—find shelter from the noon-day sun beneath some jutting ledge of overhanging rock. Red Run has been stocked with some 15,000 young trout, and should afford good sport.

Amusements.

A well selected orchestra will give morning and afternoon concerts and dance music at night.

Golf, tennis, bowling alleys, billiard and pool tables will be in charge of competent attendants.

A delightful swimming pool is an attractive feature.

The livery, under new management for the season of 1901, is well appointed with traps and riding horses at reasonable rates.

Gettysburg Battlefield.

Excursions may be arranged from Buena Vista Spring Hotel by railroad or horse conveyance to the famous Battlefield of Gettysburg, which is but 17 miles by pike or 22 miles by railroad, and an excursion train is run daily, except Sunday, to this historic spot, via the Short Line up Jack's Mountain, through a section superb in magnificent scenery. The train leaves in the morning and returns early in the evening, giving the excursionists time to visit the National Cemetery, Culp's Hill, Round Top, and other localities which figured prominently in that memorable fight; and round-trip tickets are sold at 80 cents or less. Daily excursions may also be made by rail to Hagerstown, Waynesboro, Chambersburg and Williamsport—the last named famous for the sport it affords the angler. Pen Mar Park, the popular excursion resort, is but a short distance by rail, or may be reached by drives or a pleasant mile and-a-half walk over mountain foot-paths, well shaded by forest trees.

The Old Portage Road.

Buena Vista Spring, richer in relics than some more pretentious resorts, has a history; it dates back at least to revolutionary times, and is associated with Washington's suppression of the first civil war—the Whiskey Insurrection. Here, John McGuire, an inn-keeper, blacksmith and man of general utility, a century ago, set up a roadside tavern and blacksmith shop near the site of the present hotel and beside the old Portage road, over which the emigrant march to the West began to move before liberty was born or the trail of the Indian had been



BASEBALL AND GOLF GROUNDS.

deserted. A section of this old Portage passes within a few feet of the hotel, and winds its way down the mountain side, where it reaches the more modern pike; there it is lost, until, crossing the valley, it threads its way through the Alleghenies, over Allegrippus, cropping out at Cresson, and onward again until merged in the labyrinth of the beaten tracks of modern civilization.


After McGuire had been gathered to mother earth, Levi Sanders became owner, and he or his heirs in turn transferred it to V. B. Gilbert, who, for a quarter of a century, held possession until the property was purchased by the Buena Vista Spring Improvement Company. To Mr. Gilbert's enterprise and labors are due fruit orchards and grain fields, and a prolific vegetable garden, from which the fruits and vegetables for the hotel table are raised. The large peach orchard has been very productive and the fruit is of a most delicious flavor.

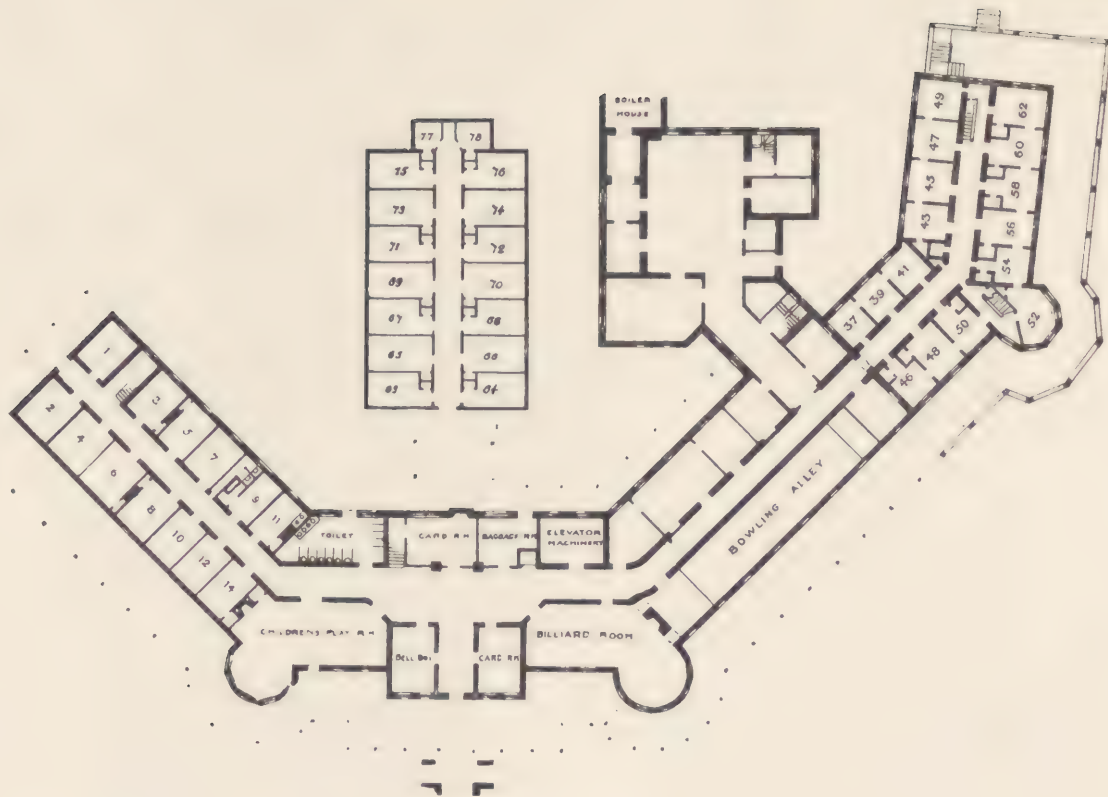
An Old Relic.

In the Glen, a saw mill, now in a state of picturesque dilapidation, stands on the banks of Red Run, and its buzzing machinery is yet set in motion by the waters of that stream. The old mill, the lake, sluice gate and mill race, form a picture that an artist might travel far to see, but to single out scenes which please the eye and satisfy the artistic taste is difficult, where the whole region is a natural park in which every footstep brings new beauties to light.

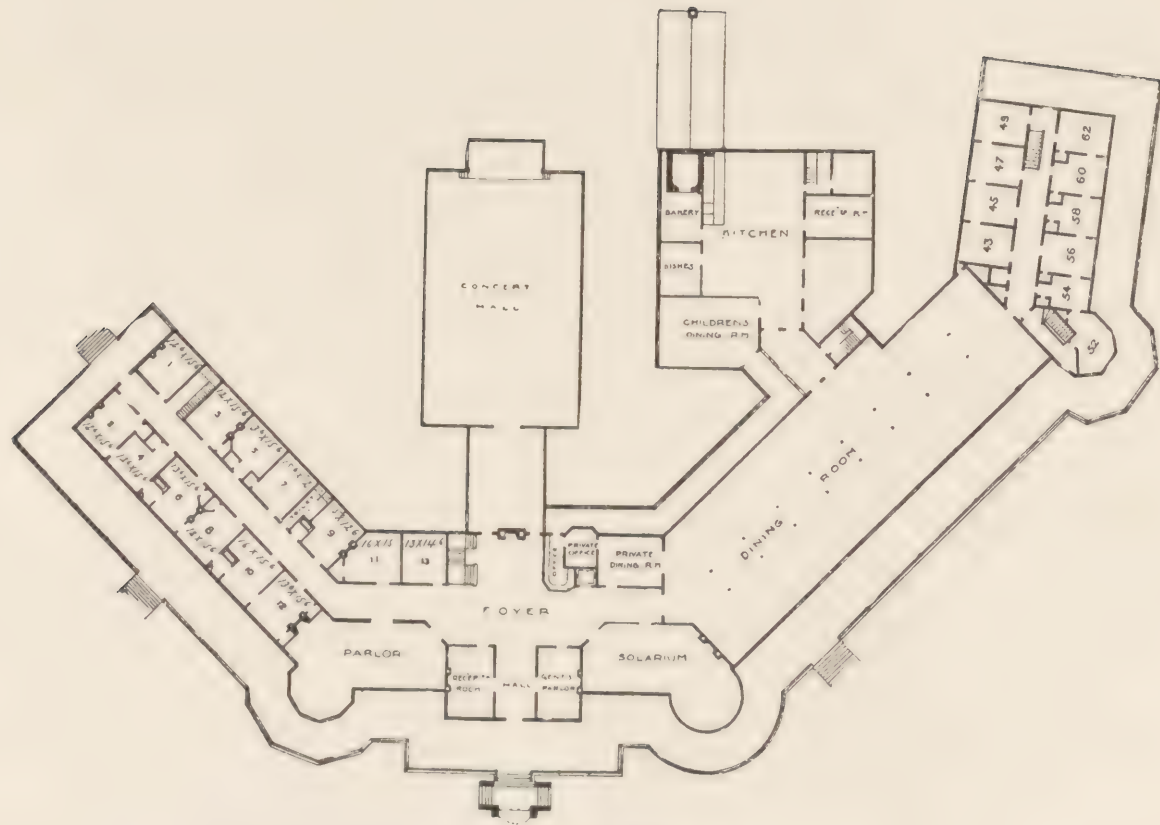
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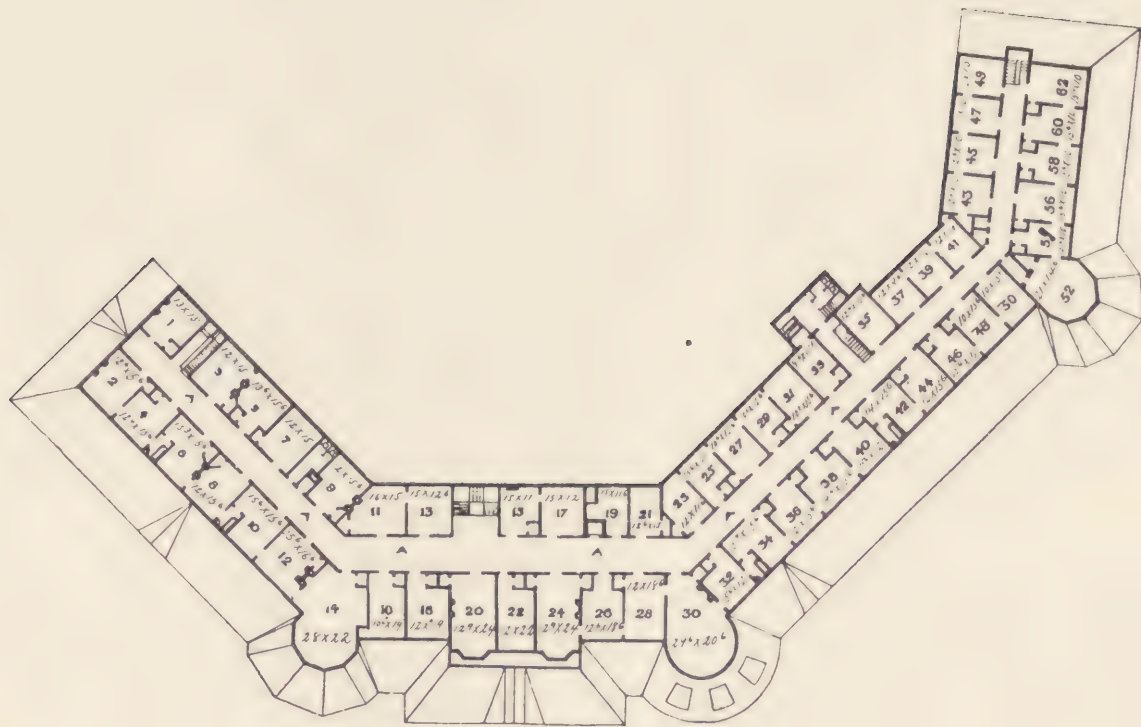
After June 1st, Buena Vista Spring P. O., Franklin County, Pa.

 PLEASE NOTE CHANGE IN POST OFFICE ADDRESS. WE NOW HAVE THE POST OFFICE IN THE HOTEL.

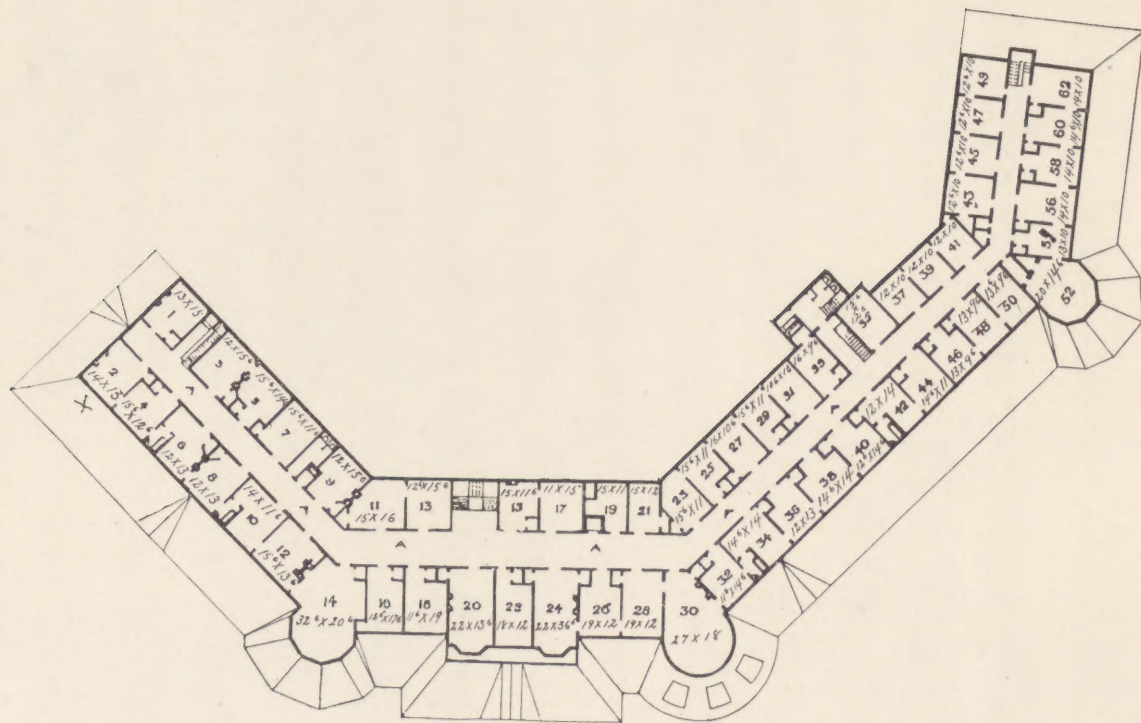


GROUND FLOOR PLAN.





FIRST FLOOR PLAN.



THIRD FLOOR PLAN.

LEHMANN & MAGER,

Analytical and
Metallurgical Laboratory.

Address,

111 S. GAY STREET.

No. 4158. Baltimore, Feb. 27, 1891.

RESULT

Of Analysis of Samples of
"SPRING WATER" received
February 26, 1891, from
the Buena Vista Spring Im-
provement Co., Franklin
County, Pa.

ONE GALLON CONTAINS . .

Matter in Suspension, None.
Matter in Solution, None.

The sample of water is
chemically pure. Not a trace
of organic or mineral matter
(no Chlorine) present. We
have never before examined
a sample of water of such
remarkable purity.

LEHMANN & MAGER.

PENNIMAN & BROWNE,

Analytical and
Consulting Chemists.

BALTIMORE, December 10, 1897.

BUENA VISTA SPRING COMPANY.

GENTLEMEN—Below please find the results
of our analysis of water sent here by you.

Solid matter in one United States gallon,
.630 grains, consisting of the following:

Silica, . . . . .	.44 Grains.
Carbonate of Lime, . . . . .	.00 "
Flouride of Lime, . . . . .	.00 "
Carbonate of Magnesia, . . . . .	.00 "
Carbonate of Soda, . . . . .	.00 "
Iron (trace), . . . . .	.00 "
Alumia (trace, . . . . .	.00 "
Sulphate of Lime, . . . . .	.075 "
Sulphate of Magnesia (trace), . . . . .	.000 "
Chloride of Sodium, . . . . .	.115 "
Chloride of Potassium, . . . . .	.00 "
Chloride of Lithium, . . . . .	.00 "

Total, .630

No. Nitrates, Nitrites, Ammonium Com-
pounds, Phosphates or Carbonic Acid Gas.
The quantitative analysis of this water, as
given above, shows it to be of exceptional
purity. It is almost entirely free from mineral
substances and it contains no organic matter
whatever.

As a table water, and indeed, in all cases
where a very pure water is desired, we take
great pleasure in recommending it most highly.

Yours truly,

PENNIMAN & BROWNE, Analysts.

Maryland

Agricultural Experiment Station

H. J. PATTERSON,
Chemist and Vice-Director.

{ COLLEGE PARK,
PRINCE GEORGE CO., MD.,
Feb. 24, 1898.

THE BUENA VISTA SPRING
IMPROVEMENT CO.

Dear Sirs—The following is the re-
sult of the examination of the sample
of water sent by you for analysis.

RESULT

IN GRAINS PER U. S. GALLON.

Matter in Suspension, None.
Total Solids, 0.406

This small amount of mineral matter
(really only a trace) consists chiefly of
Silica, with some Lime, Magnesia
and Soda.

This sample of water showed not a
trace of Organic Matter, Nitrites,
Nitrates or anything whatever of a
detrimental or harmful character.
This spring water possesses a remark-
ably high purity.

Yours truly,

H. J. PATTERSON,
Chemist.



Hotel Rennert.

EUROPEAN PLAN. * * * *

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